# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Monday, 24th November 1952.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

## I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI KUMARASAMY RAJA BAHADUR, RAJA OF KARVETNAGAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of Sri Kumarasamy Raja Bahadur, Raja of Karvetnagar, Member representing the Puttur constituency, on 8th November 1952 at 5-30 a.m."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, before we proceed to transact any further business, I have a sad duty to perform. Within a short time we have lost another Member of this House. As hon. Members are aware, the late Sri Kumarasamy Raja Bahadur, Raja of Karvetnagar, who represented the Puttur constituency, passed away recently. The House might remember that it was on the 3rd November the Government Chief Whip moved a motion that the late Member may be given leave for one month because of his ill-health and the House was pleased to grant him the leave asked for. But unfortunately he died soon after.

" The late Member belonged to a very ancient family of zamindars and I understand that Karvetnagar was one of the biggest zamindaris in our State. He was aged only 47 at the time of his death. It is my duty to move a formal Resolution of Condolence. I move—

' *That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri Kumarasamy Rajah Bahadur, Rajah of Karvetnagar, late Member for Puttur, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family*'.

" I am sure the whole House will associate itself with the resolution."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is my painful duty to associate myself and Members on this side of the House with the sentiments expressed in the Resolution of Condolence that has been moved by the Hon. the Leader of the House. I was away from here for some time and I did not expect that the first time I come here after my absence, we shall have to meet under the shadow of death. I came to know the Raja of Karvetnagar just after the elections and during the short period that I happened to know him I found that he was an extremely amiable person who, despite the fact of his being a zamindar, had the interest of his

ryots, the interests of the common people at heart. We did not have much opportunity to work with him. We worked with him for about two or three months. None the less I am sure every one of us feels that the House has lost a valuable Member. I associate myself again with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House and support the Resolution."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the absence of the Raja of Karvetnagar from this House is really felt by every Member here. To the people of the Puttur constituency which he represented, it is nothing but sorrow. They can never forget him. He is perhaps the only Member who did not spend any money on his election. People there contributed in thousands for his election expenses. It is not merely the votes that he won, but he won the hearts of the people there. Chittoor district has really lost a champion of the people. Though he was not a Member of any local body formerly and this is the first time he represented his people in this House, he was boiling with real zeal to serve his people. But we have lost him. We are sorry. The Chittoor district is really sorry for the loss of the Raja of Karvetnagar. Myself and Members of my Party wholeheartedly join the Hon. the Leader of the House in extending our condolence to the Members of the bereaved family, and really to the people of his constituency."

* SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Praja-Socialist Party I would like to express our deep sense of sorrow at the untimely death of the Raja of Karvetnagar. Coming myself from a zamindari family, I am well aware of this ancient house. I did not know the Rajahsaheb till we met here and got together and discussed politics. His knowledge of men and things and his sterling qualities and character were apparent. It is indeed sad that colleagues of ours leave us, but that is, I suppose, part of life. As such I hope that whatever there may be for him in another world, if there is such a world, he will be able to achieve all peace that is possible there. I join again the Hon. Leader of the House in sending our condolences to the members of the bereaved family."

10-40 a.m. * SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Leader of the House correctly observed that Death has called on us again and that too within a short period, and this time the victim has been the Raja of Karvetnagar, a member belonging to the independent group of members of this Assembly. The Raja of Karvetnagar, though born a Raja, lived the life of a peasant. He had strong likes and dislikes and he was never afraid to speak out his convictions. Equally so, he was never slow to admit his faults. To his kith and kin, through this Resolution, we send our sincerest sorrow and deep sympathy, while at the same time we shall appeal to Death never to look upon this House again."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and other leaders. The Raja of Karvetnagar belonged to the Suryavamsa Kshatriya dynasty. I was told the

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late Raja was the 105th in the line of Rajas. His ancestors ruled over Narayanavaram, Pallipattu and Tiruttani. He was a trustee of numerous temples and he had endowed large sums of money to various charitable institutions. The Resolution reads as follows :—

**'This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri Kumarasamy Rajah Bahadur (Raja of Karvetnagar), late member for Puttur and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.'**

"By way of passing this Resolution, I request the House to stand for two minutes."

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for two minutes.

MR. SPEAKER :—"As a mark of respect to the late Member, I now adjourn the House for 10 minutes. The House will meet again at 10-55 a.m."

[The House adjourned for 10 minutes and then reassembled with Mr. Speaker in the Chair.]

## II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

### *Calingapatnam Port.*

*109[a] *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to improve and re-open Calingapatnam Port in Srikakulam district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The port has not been closed. The question of reopening it does not, therefore, arise. There are no proposals at present for improving the port."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—"Is there any proposal before the Government to connect the port with the railway station at Amadalavalasa?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

### *Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill.*

* 110 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum was received by the Government from a deputation on behalf of the Madras State Inam Ryots' Associations Conference held in Madras on 23rd August 1952 requesting the Government to drop the present Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill and to bring in, in its stead an amendment of the Estates Land Act so as to cover all

[a] Postponed from the list of questions for 7th November 1952.